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Ernesto Aragon y Godoy, Secretary to Jose Miro Cardona, head of Guban Revolutionary Council (CRC), an anti-Gastro organization, has furnished New York Office with details of his recent trip to Washington, D. C., where, on Cardona's instructions, he contacted the Attorney General (AG) on 6/6/62. Q(U)

Aragon stated he told AG over telephone that Cardone, on instructions from his Central Intelligence Agency contact, planned to be in Central America from 6/7/62 to 6/16/62. Cardona had earlier told Aragon in this connection that his mission to Central America was to discourage and forestall any impending military action emanating from this area against Cuba since such action was believed premature and to obtain permission of these countries to train Cubans for future action against Castro. $\chi(\omega)$

Aragon also told AG of Cardona's concern over rumor that Rolando Masferrer, notorious Batista official in exile in United States, was engaged in supplying arms and equipment to Cuban exiles. Aragon requested that all future shipments of such material to Cuba by CRC be clearly marked as having been supplied by CRC. Reportedly, AG agreed to Aragon's request and asked Aragon to prepare memorandum incorporating both these items, which Aragon did. X (4)

Aragon further advised that he contacted Manuel Antonio de Varona, associate of Cardona who was also in Washington, since Cardona wanted to know what Varona was doing. Varona stated he had seen several Republican Senators and was furnishing them with information concerning activities within CRC and the Cuban exile community. Varona also stated he had supplied one of the Senate Committees data and questions to ask Chester Dowles, Special Advisor: to the President, who will allegedly appear before it. Varona did not identify committee in question and did not state when Dowles was to appear.

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